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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO BILATERAL TRADE CONSULTATIONS,
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1. AFTER PRELIMINARY STUDY, INCOMEX OFFICIALS REPORT THAT U.S. EXPLANATIONS FOR DISCREPANCIES IN TRADE STATISTICS, CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTEL, APPEAR ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. THEY CANNOT COMMENT ON PETROLEUM STATISTICS, SINCE THOSE ARE HANDLED SEPARATELY BY ECOPETROL (GOC PETROLEUM CORPORATION). ECOPETROL IS STUDYING THE MATTER, AND EMBASSY WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF ECOPETROL'S ANSWER WHEN RECEIVED.

2. STATISTICS ON ACTUAL 1974 IMPORT REGISTRATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED BY DANE (STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT) WITHIN TWO MONTHS. INCOMEX OFFICIALS CHECKED PROVISIONAL DANE 1974 IMPORT FIGURES, WHICH INDICATE THAT U.S. AND COLOMBIAN FIGURES ON 1974 U.S. EXPORTS--ALLOWING FOR FOB-CIF DIFFERENCE--WILL BE IN BASIC AGREEMENT WHEN FINAL DANE FIGURES ARE RELEASED.

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3. REGARDING PARA 3, EVERFIT CONTINUES HEAVY EXPORTS OF

MEN'S SUITS, HAVING SWITCHED FROM PIERRE CARDIN TO OTHER LABELS. THEY EXPECT TO EASILY FILL ANY SHARE OF THE SUIT QUOTA WHICH THEY ARE GIVEN.

4. REGARDING PARA 5, GOC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACHED EMBASSY ON MEAT QUESTION. WE HAVE REMINDED GOC OFFICIALS (INCLUDING MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT) OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS IT.

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